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THE SECOND COMMISSIONING
UNITED STATES SHIP MISSOURI
BATTLESHIP SIXTY-THREE
MAY 10, 1986
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

"MIGHTY MO!"

It's a name symbolizing a feeling of profound awe and respect for a battleship that has proven itself worthy, both in battle and at peace.

"MIGHTY MO!"

For the thousands of sailors who have lived within her armored hull, home has been a majestic ship that cuts through the ocean waves smoothly and safely.

"MIGHTY MO!"

A name rich with State heritage.

A patient wait of more than three decades is coming to an end. Today, USS MISSOURI (BB 63) will come alive in a recommissioning ceremony that signals the beginning of another chapter in her epic history.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
USS MISSOURI (BB 63)
FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO 96689-1120

IN REPLY REFER TO:
10 May 1986

Welcome,

As the Prospective Commanding Officer, I would like to extend my greetings to you at this, the second commissioning of the battleship MISSOURI. On this momentous and historic occasion, I wish to convey special thanks to the many people who have prepared MISSOURI for the 1980's.

To the original ship builders and commissioning crew, thank you for doing a superlative job. This platform which you built in the 1940's will easily take us into the twenty-first century to continue to serve this great nation. The proud heritage of MISSOURI belongs to every crewmember who ever sailed her. The 1986 crew of our nation's most historic warship thanks the sailors who have gone to sea, and in harms way, before us. We promise to uphold the traditions and legacies of our predecessors. The torch has been passed to us. It is now ours to hold high.

The personnel from Long Beach Naval Shipyard are owed a tremendous debt. Without you the formidable task of reactivating and modernizing this great ship would not have been accomplished.

To the citizens of the State of Missouri, you have given us your name to carry forth around the globe. We will continue to carry that name with dignity and pride in the fine tradition established by her previous crewmembers.

Sincere thanks to our future homeport, San Francisco, where you have lived up to the legacy of your song by opening up your Golden Gate, as well as your hearts, to our sailors. It's true that, "You'll let no stranger wait outside your door." The members of the crew and our families are looking forward to making our homes in this beautiful bay area.

To the crewmembers of MISSOURI, I offer my personal thanks. In a renaissance of spirit and patriotic expression, the nation is again on the move, reaffirming its historic role as defender of freedom and peace. I task each of you to continue to uphold these standards. You have worked long and hard for many months to reach this day and I look forward with pride to serving with you on the recommissioned MISSOURI.

Finally, but most importantly, we wish to thank our families for the untiring and continued support that you have shown throughout our precommissioning work. You have made sacrifices, and have demonstrated the quiet courage and pride which is as much a part of our country's security as the battleship that your sailors serve on.

For the many people who have had a part in today's ceremonies, from the planners in Washington, D.C., to the seaman who polished the Surrender Plaque - to each of you, you know in your hearts that from this day forward, everywhere MISSOURI sails, you will be there with us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A. L. KAISS
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

HISTORY

MISSOURI's keel was laid January 6, 1941, in the New York Naval Shipyard, a full 11 months before the United States entered World War II. This was to be the last battleship built by the United States.

Three years later MISSOURI was launched under the sponsorship of Miss Margaret Truman, daughter of the then Senator from Missouri, Harry S. Truman.

At the battleship's first commissioning on June 11, 1944, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal sent the battleship into action with these simple, but prophetic words, "Good luck, good hunting, God bless you and may you come back soon."

USS MISSOURI reported for duty with the Pacific Fleet on Christmas Eve, 1944.

What followed is now faithfully recorded in naval history. USS MISSOURI was awarded three battle stars for successful operations in the Pacific theater of war. The first star was for the Iwo Jima Operation during 5th Fleet raids against Honshu and the Nansei Shore, and the final assault and occupation of Iwo Jima, February 15 through March 4, 1945.

The second battle star was awarded following the 5th and 3rd Fleet raids in support of the Okinawa Sunto Operation, March 16 through June 11, 1945. And the third World War II battle star was for action in 3rd Fleet Operations against Japan, July 10 through August 15, 1945.

"MIGHTY MO's" unique battleship character was fully defined when she became the center of the whole world's attention as the deadliest conflict in the history of man dramatically ended upon her deck.

On August 29, 1945, USS MISSOURI steamed into Tokyo Bay.

What had begun as a "day of infamy" on December 7, 1941, was to finally end on September 2, 1945. The Sunday morning dawned with scattered clouds. The ship and crew were well prepared for the event. A green, baize-covered table was set up on the admiral's veranda deck, with the surrender documents in English and Japanese laid out for signing. She was flying the same flag that flew over the US Capitol on Pearl Harbor Day. Prominently displayed was the flag flown by Commodore Matthew G. Perry, USN, on the occasion of his visit to Japan in 1854.

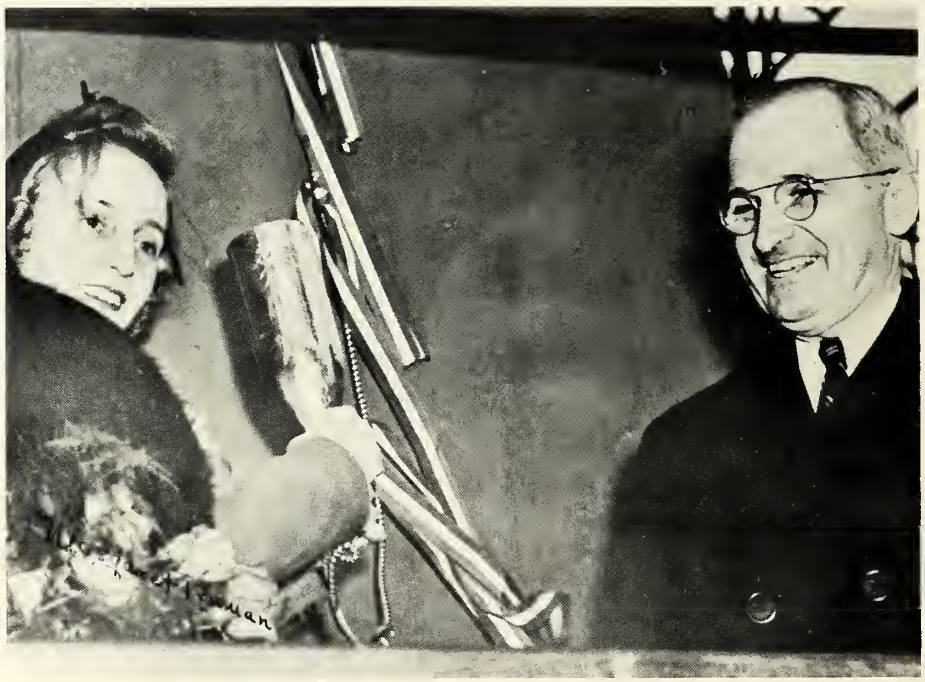
The ceremony started with a moving speech by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. He concluded with a message of hope that "from this solemn occasion a better world will emerge . . . a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance, and justice."

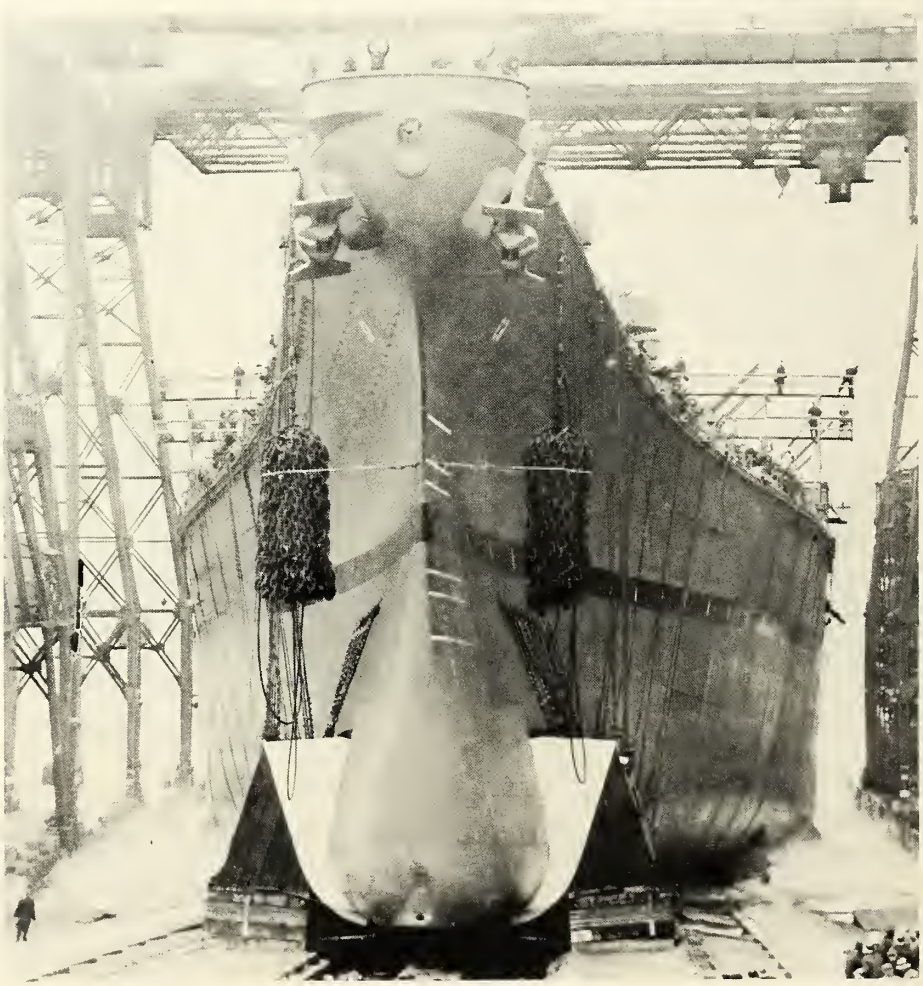
The Japanese representatives signed the document of surrender, followed by General MacArthur, who signed for the Allied powers. After representatives of Great Britain, China, Australia, Canada, France, The Netherlands, New Zealand and Russia had affixed their signatures, General MacArthur spoke a final word:

"Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are now closed."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the sun broke through the clouds for the first time that day.

For USS MISSOURI, it was the beginning of another chapter in its history. The battleship sailed back to home waters where she received a tumultuous welcome and then took up a new assignment with the Atlantic Fleet.





Top: Margaret Truman, the ship's sponsor, prepares to christen the battleship MISSOURI as father Harry Truman, a Missouri senator, looks on. Right: MISSOURI slides down the well greased ways January 29, 1944, beginning her journey to destiny.

INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER

We, acting by command of and in behalf of the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, hereby accept the provisions set forth in the declaration issued by the heads of the Governments of the United States, China and Great Britain on 26 July 1945, at Potsdam, and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which four powers are hereafter referred to as the Allied Powers.

We hereby proclaim the unconditional surrender to the Allied Powers of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and of all Japanese armed forces and all armed forces under Japanese control wherever situated.

We hereby command all Japanese forces wherever situated and the Japanese people to cease hostilities forthwith, to preserve and save from damage all ships, aircraft, and military and civil property and to comply with all requirements which may be imposed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by agencies of the Japanese Government at his direction.

We hereby command the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to issue at once orders to the Commanders of all Japanese forces and all forces under Japanese control wherever situated to surrender unconditionally themselves and all forces under their control.

We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives deemed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be proper to effectuate this surrender and issued by him or under his authority and we direct all such officials to remain at their posts and to continue to perform their non-combatant duties unless specifically relieved by him or under his authority.

We hereby undertake for the Emperor, the Japanese Government and their successors to carry out the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration in good faith, and to issue whatever orders and take whatever action may be required by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by any other designated representative of the Allied Powers for the purpose of giving effect to that Declaration.

We hereby command the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters at once to liberate all allied prisoners of war and civilian internees now under Japanese control and to provide for their protection, care, maintenance and immediate transportation to places as directed.

The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers who will take such steps as he deems proper to effectuate these terms of surrender.

Signed at TOKYO BAY, JAPAN at 9:04 AM
on the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER

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By Command and in behalf of the Emperor of Japan and the Japanese Government

梅津美治郎

By Command and in behalf of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters

Accepted at TOKYO BAY, JAPAN at 0908 I
on the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, 1945,
for the United States, Republic of China, United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and in the interests of the other United Nations at war with Japan,

Douglas MacArthur
Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers

C.W. Nimitz
United States Representative

徐永昌
Republic of China Representative

Bruce Fraser
United Kingdom Representative

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Representative

Commonwealth of Australia Representative

Dominion of Canada Representative

Provisional Government of the French Republic Representative

Kingdom of the Netherlands Representative

Dominion of New Zealand Representative

The first peaceful voyage fulfilled the maritime nation custom to convey home the body of a deceased diplomat of ambassadorial rank. USS MISSOURI sailed with the body of the Turkish Ambassador to the United States in March 1946. Honors were rendered as the battleship lay at anchor in the Bosporus off Istanbul, Turkey.

When MIGHTY MO returned to the United States, the other battleships were being moved, one by one, to layup moorages or to scrapyards.

For USS MISSOURI, President Harry S. Truman had other plans.

There had never been any doubt in the mind of President Truman that USS MISSOURI was the finest ship afloat. Not only was she named for his home state; she had been christened by his only daughter, Margaret.

From 1945 through 1949, USS MISSOURI maintained a busy schedule of peace time operations.

The battleship sailed majestically into the harbor at Rio de Janeiro for the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Hemisphere Peace and Security. There she was boarded by the Truman family and served as a seagoing White House during their return trip to the United States.

MISSOURI served as a training platform for annual Midshipman Practice Cruises during the summer seasons. During these periods at sea, the Midshipmen experienced hands-on training and much of their time was devoted to simulated battle conditions. Additionally, Naval diplomacy was practiced with great success during port calls to Greece, Algeria, France, Portugal, Great Britain and Cuba.

From top, counter-clockwise: Suicide bent, this Kamikaze pilot maneuvers his plane onto the deck of USS MISSOURI April 28, 1945. Fleet Admiral C.W. Nimitz, U.S. representative, signs the instrument of surrender aboard USS MISSOURI. The Instrument of Surrender and the signatures of those who signed the document that ended the Second World War. Crew members and reporters line the rails as allied planes fly over the battleship MISSOURI during the surrender ceremony.

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By September 1950, USS MISSOURI was once again called into battle action. After steaming 10,000 miles, MIGHTY MO was a spearhead for naval bombardment operations with the United Nations Forces off the coast of Korea.

During the Korean conflict, five more battle stars were awarded to USS MISSOURI: First - North Korean Aggression, Second - Communist China Aggression, Third - First U.N. Counter Offensive, Fourth - Summer-Fall Korean Defense, and Fifth - Third Korean Winter.

After fulfilling her obligaitons in combat missions and a few more Midshipman training cruises, the year 1954 was keyed by one word — retirement.

In mid-September, USS MISSOURI steamed slowly up Puget Sound to a berth at Naval Pier 91 in Seattle. There, the MIGHTY MO was carefully layed up, preserving all weapons and engineering equipment in protective cocoons.

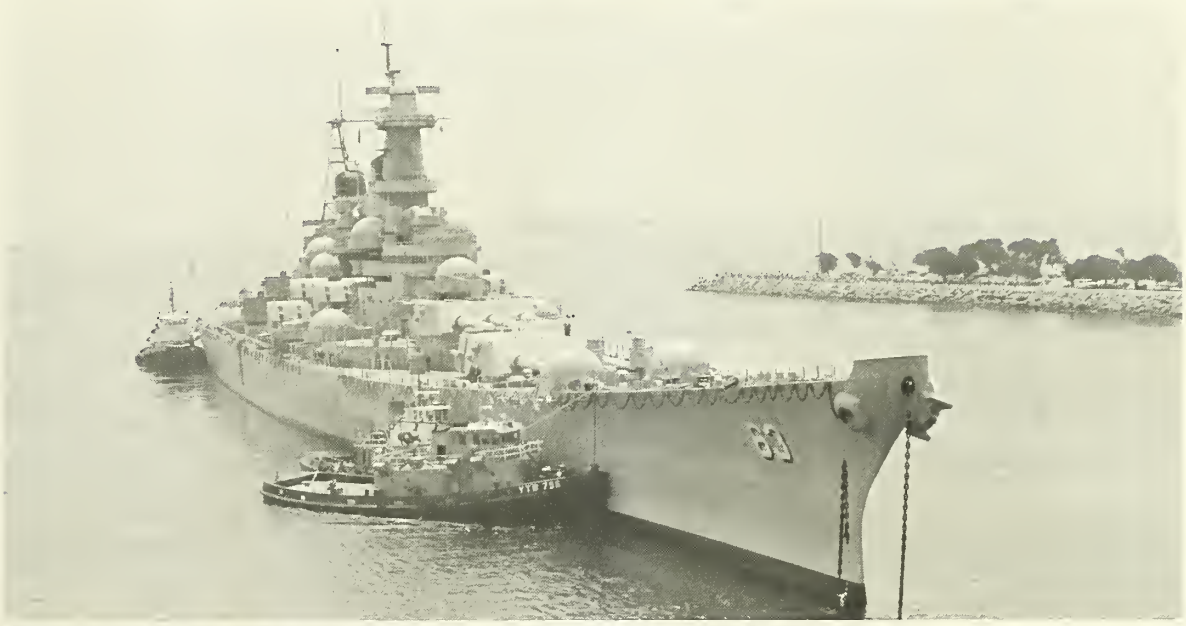
On February 26, 1955, the morning dawned windy and gray. Finally, it was decommissioning day for USS MISSOURI.

For the MIGHTY MO, this "rope-yarn Sunday" was to last nearly three decades. During that time, USS MISSOURI became a national shrine — a symbol of peace. An estimated 180,000 visitors each year toured her decks, paying specific attention to the deck where General of the Army Douglas MacArthur accepted the surrender that brought World War II to a close.

But today marks the reactivation of the modernized MIGHTY MO!

USS MISSOURI fires a salvo of 16-inch shells from turret #2 at enemy forces at Chong Jim, North Korea Oct. 21, 1950. The MISSOURI sits at pierside at Bremerton Washington, awaiting her recall to active duty.

REACTIVATION



USS MISSOURI is joining the Pacific Fleet after a complete rest and with a full complement of warfare capabilities to meet today's needs. This process started on May 25, 1984, when the historic battleship arrived at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

Thousands of sailors and shipyard craftsmen have toiled countless patient, professional hours in modernizing BB 63.

USS MISSOURI's upgrades include: Installation of a modern communications suite. Installation of electronic warfare capabilities. Conversion from black oil to Navy distillate fuel. Installation of a sewage collection and holding tank system. Aviation facilities to accommodate helicopter operations. Installation of a new mast capable of supporting new air and surface search radar equipment. And, crew habitability improvements.

MIGHTY MO's firepower capabilities, featuring nine 16"/50 caliber guns in three gun turrets, are augmented by: Eight armored box launchers for Tomahawk cruise missiles. Four quad-box launchers for Harpoon cruise missiles. Four Phalanx close-in-weapons systems for self-defense against aircraft and missiles. And, six 5"/38 caliber gun twin-mounts.

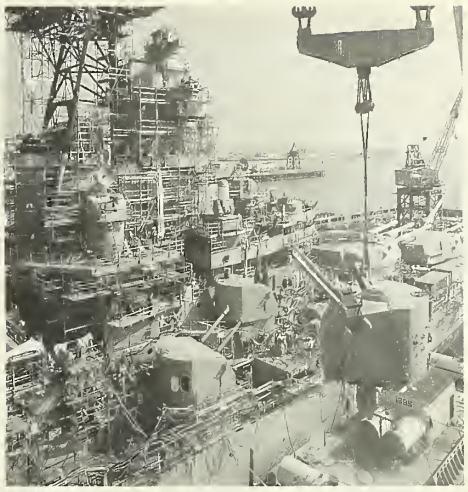
All of these new improvements on the reactivated battleship are controlled by a well-trained complement of 1,600 officers and crew.

Today is the beginning of a new chapter in the grand history of the MIGHTY MO, USS MISSOURI (BB 63).

Just as Secretary of the Navy Forrestal admonished on the first commissioning day to "... come back soon," MIGHTY MO is back!

Tugs gently guide the battleship USS MISSOURI toward the dock at Long Beach Naval Shipyard, where a two-year reactivation and modernization program restored the historic dreadnought to meet the challenges of modern day naval operations. Inside the armor plated hull, shipyard welders crafted new compartments to support the new combat systems installed in the battleship.

It was a total team effort that fashioned the careful modernization of USS MISSOURI. Ray Richetti, Long Beach Naval Shipyard Battleship Project Manager, was the leading force in the past two years, at upper left. Many milestones were accomplished including: stepping of the mast (above right), followed by installation of the twin-gun mounts, constant labor on scaffolding, and grinding of the battleship's hull. USS MISSOURI's coming to life again is due to the painstaking planning and hard working by all of the craftsmen at Long Beach Naval Shipyard. Some of the men who supervised the work are, at left, Henry M. Salgado, Compartment Closeout Reactivation Manager, and at right, William Young, Battleship Production Control Supervisor (left), and Alan L. Brauer, NAVSEA Battleship Project Manager.



Significant Milestones

25 May 1984
MISSOURI Arrives at Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

11 August 1984
MISSOURI is Drydocked.

22 March 1985
MISSOURI Undocks.

9 April 1985
New Mast Stepped.

24 June 1985
Light Off Examination Number One.

12 September 1985
MISSOURI Placed "In Service, Active".

3 October 1985
Light Off Examination Number One Complete.

24 October 1985
Light Off Examination Number Two Complete.

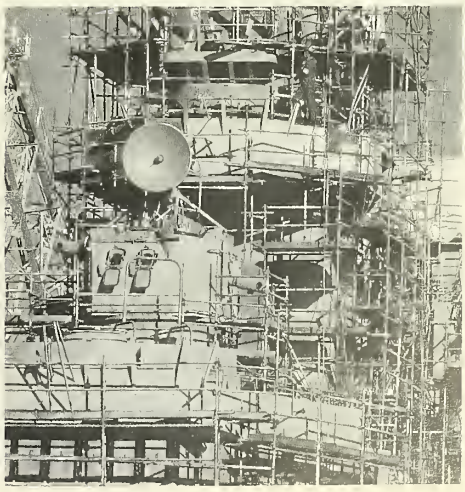
8 November 1985
Light Off Examination Number Three Complete.

5 December 1985
Light Off Examination Number Four Complete.

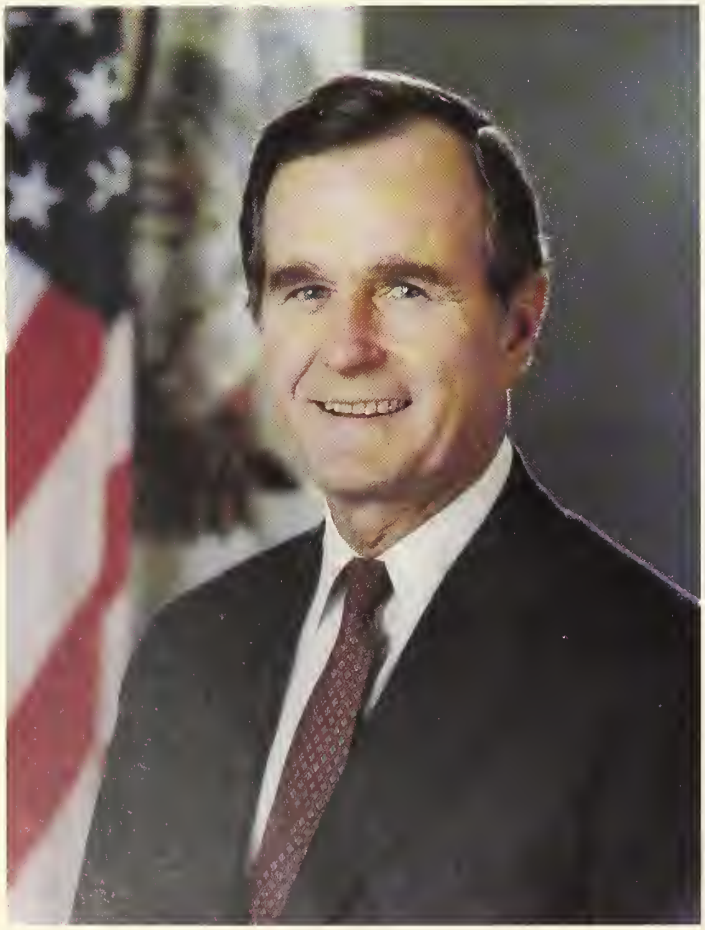
30 January 1986
First Sea Trial Complete.

9 March 1986
Second Sea Trial Complete.

4 April 1986
Third Sea Trial Complete.



The Honorable
Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States



The Honorable
George H. Bush
Vice President of the United States

The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger

Secretary of Defense Guest Speaker

Caspar Willard Weinberger was nominated by President Reagan to be Secretary of Defense on January 20, 1981, was confirmed by the United States Senate on January 20, 1981, and took the oath of office on January 21, 1981.

Born in San Francisco, California, on August 18, 1917, Mr. Weinberger graduated from public schools and earned his A.B. Degree, Magna Cum Laude, at Harvard College in 1938. He received an L.L.B Degree from Harvard Law School in 1941 and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He also received honorary degrees from the University of the Pacific, University of San Francisco, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Elmira College.

Following law school, he joined the Army as a Private in the Infantry and was released from active duty four years later with the rank of Captain. During that time, he served with the 41st Infantry Division in the Pacific Theater of Operations and as a member of General Douglas MacArthur's intelligence staff.

After World War II, Secretary Weinberger served as Law Clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge William E. Orr for two years until 1947, when he joined the law firm of Heller, Ehrman, White and McAuliffe in San Francisco. He was a partner in the firm from 1959 to 1969.

In November 1952, he was elected to the Assembly of the California State Legislature and re-elected in 1954 and 1956 without opposition.

While continuing his office practice, Secretary Weinberger wrote a semi-weekly column for a number of California newspapers, moderated a weekly local public affairs television program in San Francisco and was a staff book reviewer for a San Francisco newspaper and magazine.

In 1967, he was named Chairman, Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy (called Little Hoover Commission) and he was appointed by then-Governor Ronald Reagan as Director of Finance of California in March 1968. He served until January 1970, when he was appointed by President Richard M. Nixon as Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. Six months later he was named Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget and became Director of that office in June 1972.

President Nixon appointed Secretary Weinberger, in February 1973, as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and he continued to head that department under President Gerald Ford until he resigned to enter private business in August 1975.

Secretary Weinberger is married to the former Jane Dalton of Maine and they have two children, a son, Caspar Willard Weinberger, Jr., and a daughter, Arlin Weinberger.

Before being nominated by President Ronald Reagan to be Secretary of Defense, Mr. Weinberger was Vice President, Director, and General Counsel of the Bechtel Group of Companies.

Margaret Truman

Ship's Sponsor

Margaret Truman sponsored USS MISSOURI at the ship's launching in 1944. At the time, her father, Harry S. Truman, was junior Senator from the State of Missouri, later President of the United States.

Miss Truman began her professional career as a concert singer in 1947, making her debut on a nationwide broadcast with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

During the 1950's, Miss Truman appeared frequently on network radio and television with such stars as Milton Berle, Martha Raye, Kate Smith, Tallulah Bankhead, and Jimmy Durante.

Television led to the stage, and Miss Truman toured extensively in summer stock and dinner theatres.

More recently, Miss Truman has turned to lecturing and writing. She has produced fourteen books, among others, "Women of Courage" and the best-selling biography of her father "Harry S. Truman." She wrote eight best-selling murder mysteries set in Washington, D.C., and just recently released is "Bess W. Truman," the first biography of her mother ever published.

A graduate of George Washington University, she holds honorary degrees from George Washington, Wake Forest University and Rockhurst College. Born in Independence, Missouri, she now makes her home in New York City with her husband, Clifton Daniel, a former managing editor of the New York Times, now retired. They have four sons: Clifton Truman, William Wallace, Harrison Gates and Thomas Washington Daniel.

Miss Truman serves on the board of directors of the Riggs Bank in Washington, D.C., and is a trustee and a member of the executive committee of the Episcopal Church Pension Fund. She is also a trustee of George Washington University and of the George C. Marshall Foundation. She is on the board of the Harry S. Truman Institute and Secretary of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, which gives annual grants to students from the 50 states and American territories who are planning to enter public service.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

Captain Albert Lee Kaiss, U. S. Navy
PCO, MISSOURI (BB 63)
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco 96689-1120

Dear Captain Kaiss:

Congratulations on your new command, and best wishes to you and to your crew on the recommissioning of MISSOURI.

Your ship earned lasting fame during World War II. From Iwo Jima to Tokyo Bay, MISSOURI bore a proud share of the work of our Pacific Fleet. Her deck saw the ceremony that brought peace to a devastated world. In the Korean conflict, her accurate guns lent telling support to United Nations troops and earned their repeated thanks. Peace, as well as war, brought challenges; MISSOURI's visit to Greece and Turkey in 1946 helped to strengthen those friendly nations when they were threatened by aggression. MISSOURI has known such leaders as Mitscher, Halsey, Nimitz, MacArthur, and Harry S. Truman. Now, modernized to meet today's needs, she puts to sea once more as a powerful and versatile warship.

You inherit MISSOURI's unique legacy of duty well and truly done. I know that you will do justice to that tradition.

Your ship now resumes her active role in the fleet. You, and all who serve with you, are charged with the heavy responsibility of making MISSOURI a fully effective instrument of sea power in our nation's defense. May you meet with every success in assuming that responsibility.

Sincerely,

John Lehman

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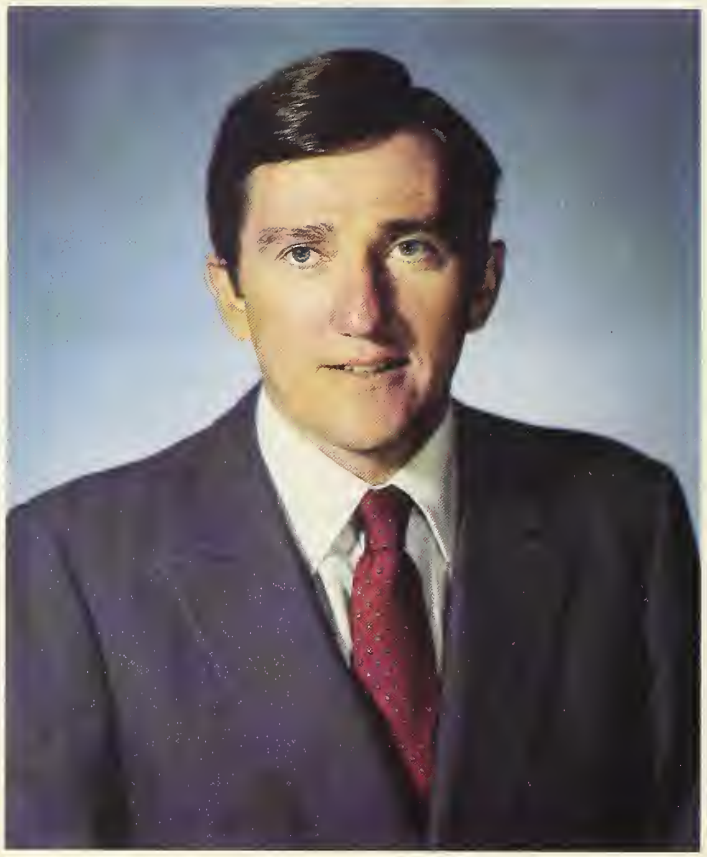

The Honorable John F. Lehman, Jr.
Secretary of the Navy

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Dear Captain Kaiss,

Please accept my hearty congratulations on the recommissioning of United States Ship MISSOURI. An unusual distinction and a special set of responsibilities fall upon you as the first commanding officer of the newly-modernized MISSOURI. By your selection as captain, your distinguished record of professional competence has been recognized, and in this assignment the full measure of your demonstrated abilities will be called upon to fulfill these responsibilities.

When she rejoins the fleet, MISSOURI will bring to the operating forces one of the most unique and powerful combinations of weapons and control systems afloat on the seas today. Yet this splendid ship cannot fulfill the role for which her reactivation was authorized by Congress--to contribute to the common defense of our nation by maintaining our maritime superiority--unless she is manned by a dedicated crew of Navy men who are capable of operating and maintaining her to the very limits of designed potential.

It is your responsibility, as commanding officer, to establish for MISSOURI an operating capability to match her potential. As your ship and crew perform, MISSOURI will develop a renewed personality of her own and a reputation which will endure over her many years of service to the nation and to the Navy. MISSOURI's excellence of character and professional reputation will largely depend upon your leadership as the first commanding officer.

I congratulate you on your selection for this most important task. Yours is a great honor. It is also a profound responsibility. I have the fullest confidence that you will execute it well.

Sincerely,

JAMES D. WATKINS
Admiral, U. S. Navy

Captain Albert Lee Kaiss, U. S. Navy
PCO, MISSOURI (BB 63)
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Admiral James D. Watkins
Chief of Naval Operations

Admiral James A. Lyons, Jr.

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

James A. LYONS, Jr., was born in New Jersey on 28 September 1927, the son of James A. and Marion F. Lyons. He was commissioned Ensign, U.S. Navy following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1952. Between 1952 and 1961, Admiral LYONS served successively aboard destroyers, cruisers and operational staffs. He later commanded the destroyer USS CHARLES S. SPERRY (DD 697), the guided missile cruiser USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (CG 20) and was Chief of Staff of Carrier Group FOUR. Admiral LYONS was selected to Rear Admiral in 1978. Following a tour in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he assumed command of Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific and Task Force SEVENTY THREE of the U.S. SEVENTH FLEET in July 1980. In June 1981, upon being promoted to the grade of Vice Admiral, he took command of the U.S. SECOND FLEET, the NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic and Joint Task Force ONE TWO ZERO until July 1983.

Admiral LYONS' shore assignments include wide and significant experience in strategic planning and national security affairs. He is a graduate of both the Naval War College and the National War College, and he has served tours as an action officer and Navy Planner in the Strategic Plans Division (OP-60), and as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (OP-06). In 1978 and 1979, Admiral LYONS served in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, first as Assistant Deputy Director and then as Deputy Director J-5 (Politico-Military Affairs). During that time, Admiral LYONS was the JCS representative on the U.S. delegation conducting conventional Arms Limitation Talks with the Soviet Union. From July 1983 until September 1985, Admiral LYONS served as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations) with additional duty as the Navy Operations Deputy and as the Senior Navy Member, U.S. Delegation, United States Military Staff Committee. During this tour, Admiral LYONS led the U.S. delegation to the Incidents at Sea Talks held in Moscow, May – June 1984. Upon being promoted to the grade of Admiral, he assumed command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet on 16 September 1985.

Admiral LYONS has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (Gold Star), Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (Gold Star) and the Navy Achievement Medal.

He is married to the former Renee Wilcox Chevalier of Washington, D.C. Admiral and Mrs. LYONS have three children: Michele, Yvonne Lyons Slingluff, and James A. III.

Vice Admiral George W. Davis, Jr.

Commander, Naval Surface Forces, Pacific Fleet

Vice Admiral George W. DAVIS, Jr., USN was born in Columbia, South Carolina. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1955. His initial duty assignment was to the USS GWIN (DM-33) where he served as Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Damage Control Assistant. Subsequently, Vice Admiral DAVIS served as Executive Officer for the ships USS MERGANSER (MHC-47), USS CORMORANT (MSC-122) and USS BARRY (DD-933); as Chief Staff Officer and Material Officer for Commander Destroyer Squadron SIX; Reactor Officer of USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65); and Commanding Officer of the ships USS WIDGEON (MSC-208); USS JOSEPH K. TAUSSIG (DE-1030) and USS RICHARD L. PAGE (DEG-5). Vice Admiral DAVIS also commissioned the nuclear powered cruiser USS VIRGINIA (CGN-38) in 1976 and served as that ship's first Commanding Officer until August 1978. Vice Admiral DAVIS attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, California commencing in June 1960. He received a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from this institution, graduating with distinction in December 1962. He entered the nuclear power program in 1963 and served on the staff of the Nuclear Power Training Unit, West Milton, New York from 1964 to 1966. He is a 1969 graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College. Vice Admiral DAVIS served as Senior Naval Instructor, Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course from August 1978 to September 1980 and then served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, Allied Forces Southern Europe from October 1980 to October 1981. Before assuming his present assignment as Commander, Naval Surface Forces, Pacific Fleet in July 1985, he was Deputy Commander for Surface Ships, Naval Sea Systems Command. He was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral on October 1, 1985.

Vice Admiral DAVIS wears the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Navy Commendation Medals.

Mrs. DAVIS is the former Miss Jean Carroll of Los Angeles, California. The DAVIS' have three children.

Rear Admiral Robert L. Toney

Commander, Naval Base San Francisco
Commander, Service Group One

Robert L. Toney was born in Monroe, Louisiana. He attended elementary school in Oakland, California and high school in Oroville, California. He attended Youngstown University in Youngstown, Ohio from 1952 to 1954, and graduated from California State University at Chico, California with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Following graduation, Rear Admiral Toney entered Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island and received his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy on October 31, 1957.

His first tour of duty was as an Assistant Communications Officer aboard the USS Bennington (CVA 20). He then served tours on the Staff of Commander, Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet; USS Guadalupe (AO 32); USS Topeka (CLG 8); as Senior Projects Officer at the Destroyer Development Group, Pacific Fleet; Executive Officer of USS Cowell (DD 547); Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel; Commander, Navy Recruiting Command for Minority Affairs (Recruiting); and Executive Officer of USS Wichita (AOR 1) before assuming command of USS Kiska (AE 35).

He was then ordered to a course of instruction at the NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy. Following that tour Rear Admiral Toney served on the Staff of Commander, Allied Forces, Southern Europe; and served as Chief Staff Officer, Commander Service Group One. He became the Commanding Officer of USS Roanoke (AOR 7) in August of 1983.

He was promoted to flag rank and assumed duties as Deputy Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in September 1984. He assumed additional duty as Commander, Naval Surface Group Long Beach on October 1, 1985. He then assumed command of Naval Base San Francisco and Service Group One on January 10, 1986.

During his naval career, Rear Admiral Toney has received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal (Second award), the Navy Commendation Medal, as well as the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Rear Admiral Toney is married to the former Flora J. Wallace of San Diego, California. They have two daughters and one son.

Captain George E. Fink

Commander, Long Beach Naval Shipyard

Captain George E. FINK was born in Brooklyn, New York. He began his career as an NROTC Midshipman at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Following commissioning in June of 1956, he served as Damage Control Assistant and then as Engineer Officer of USS TAYLOR (DDE-468) homeported in Pearl Harbor. In 1959, he reported to the New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, New York, for duty in the construction of USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64). Subsequently, he earned a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California and was designated an Engineering Duty Officer. He then served as Planning Officer of the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, San Diego, engaged principally in the repair and overhaul of Naval ships. His next assignment was in Naval Ship Systems Command for five years, first in Manpower Management and then as Technical Director of the 46 Ship USS KNOX Class Frigate Ship Acquisition Program. He then attended the Defense Systems Management School (now college) at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and completed its Defense Systems Acquisition Management Curriculum.

Captain FINK is a designated Weapons Systems Acquisition Manager. Captain FINK subsequently served two years on the staff of the Chief of Naval Material as Technical Director for Hull, Propulsion and Auxiliary Systems for all surface combatants under construction at that time and was actively engaged in assuring the mutual compatibility of those ships with the Light Airborne Multipurpose Systems (LAMPS) aircraft and shipboard components. He then spent three years at Charleston Naval Shipyard as Repair Officer managing the repair of surface combatants and nuclear submarines. Following his Charleston tour, he was assigned to Naval Sea Systems Command and was responsible for the workloading of all Naval shipyards and for that portion of the private shipwork industry engaged in the repair of Naval ships. He was also responsible for the conduct of pre-award surveys for major Navy Ship Acquisition Programs and repair/overhaul programs, executed by the private shipwork industry. In June 1979, he reported to Philadelphia Naval Shipyard as Production Officer and served in that capacity until receiving orders as Commander, Long Beach Naval Shipyard. He assumed Command of Long Beach Naval Shipyard on 31 January 1983.

Captain FINK's awards and decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy National Defense and Navy Achievement Medal.

Captain FINK is married to the former Joyce Vicau of Syracuse, New York. They have four children: Thomas, Daniel, Susan and Patricia.

The Honorable John Ashcroft
Governor of the State of Missouri

GREETINGS:

As Governor of the State of Missouri, it is my pleasure to extend congratulations and best wishes on the re-commissioning of the USS MISSOURI.

On January 29, 1944, when BB-63 was christened as the USS MISSOURI, she was hailed as the mightiest warship in history. With her sleek lines and her nine 16-inch guns, the largest shipborne guns in the world, the sight of her left no doubt as to her fearsome capabilities. With the addition of today's high-tech weaponry systems, the MISSOURI once again will patrol the seas in defense of our nation.

In his 1949 Navy Day address, President Harry Truman said, " The MISSOURI is not a symbol of might in war, but a symbol of might in peace." With her re-commissioning, the USS MISSOURI is not only a symbol of might for peace, but also a symbol of our American Spirit; that spirit which refuses to surrender in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, and the spirit which aspires that others share not only our concept of liberty, but also our realization of it.

The "MIGHTY MO" has always been held in special esteem by the citizens of Missouri; and as the site of the signing of the official surrender of the Japanese empire, she holds a special place in the hearts of all Americans.

On behalf of all Missourians, I wish the Captain and crew of the USS MISSOURI Godspeed as you return to active duty.

Sincerely,

John Ashcroft

GOVERNOR

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Mayor of San Francisco

Dianne Feinstein is the first woman mayor of San Francisco, taking office at a time of turmoil in December of 1978, elected in November of 1979 and re-elected with an 81 percent majority in November, 1983.

She had been the first woman president of the Board of Supervisors—the city's legislative body—elected to that post twice as highest vote-getter in citywide elections, and once by her colleagues during a period of district elections. She served a total of nearly nine years as a supervisor, five of them as Board President.

As the city's chief executive officer, the mayor oversees the many departments and 22 commissions and boards which operate the government. Each year, the mayor prepares a budget which establishes the municipality's programs and priorities. The 1985-86 budget totals $1.7 billion.

Dianne Feinstein's first priority at City Hall has been a sound fiscal policy. Her style is a vigorous, hard-working, "hands on" approach to government. She demands fiscal restraint and closely watches city departments through a sophisticated system of management goals.

Dianne Feinstein has led San Francisco in an international renaissance. With the Century of the Pacific approaching, she insists, San Francisco's role as the natural gateway to the Pacific Rim will heighten. During her tenure she has led San Francisco delegations to China, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Mexico and Italy. San Francisco became the first American city to seek out relationships with The People's Republic of China—resulting in a Chinese consulate, shipping contracts and direct air service.

In 1983, Mayor Feinstein hosted the Queen of England, and in the first five months of 1984, six more heads of state came to visit—including Premier Zhao of China and President Mitterand of France.

As mayor, she attacks crime at every level. She named a new police chief. She added 350 police officers and put more of them on beats. She enlisted 800 block groups to fight neighborhood crime. She crusaded for strong law enforcement. She spearheaded a drive that made San Francisco the first major city to ban handguns. (The ban was nullified by a Supreme Court ruling that state law pre-empted handgun possession.) The handgun ban led to a recall election—which the Mayor won with a resounding 82 percent majority.

Meanwhile, the anti-crime drive has paid off: San Francisco's crime rate declined sharply for four successive years.

Mayor Feinstein's goals for San Francisco are as diverse as the city itself, and as all-inclusive as her drive to improve its quality of life. She works unrelentingly for better public transit, parks, schools, libraries, clean streets, more jobs, affordable housing, redevelopment, economie growth and a favorable business climate.

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The Program

Band Selections

Arrival of the Secretary of Defense and Inspection of the Honor Guard

Invocation

Welcoming remarks and introduction of the Official Party

Introduction of the Secretary of Defense

Address by the Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger, Secretary of Defense

Acceptance of Command
Captain A. L. Kaiss, United States Navy

The First Watch is set.

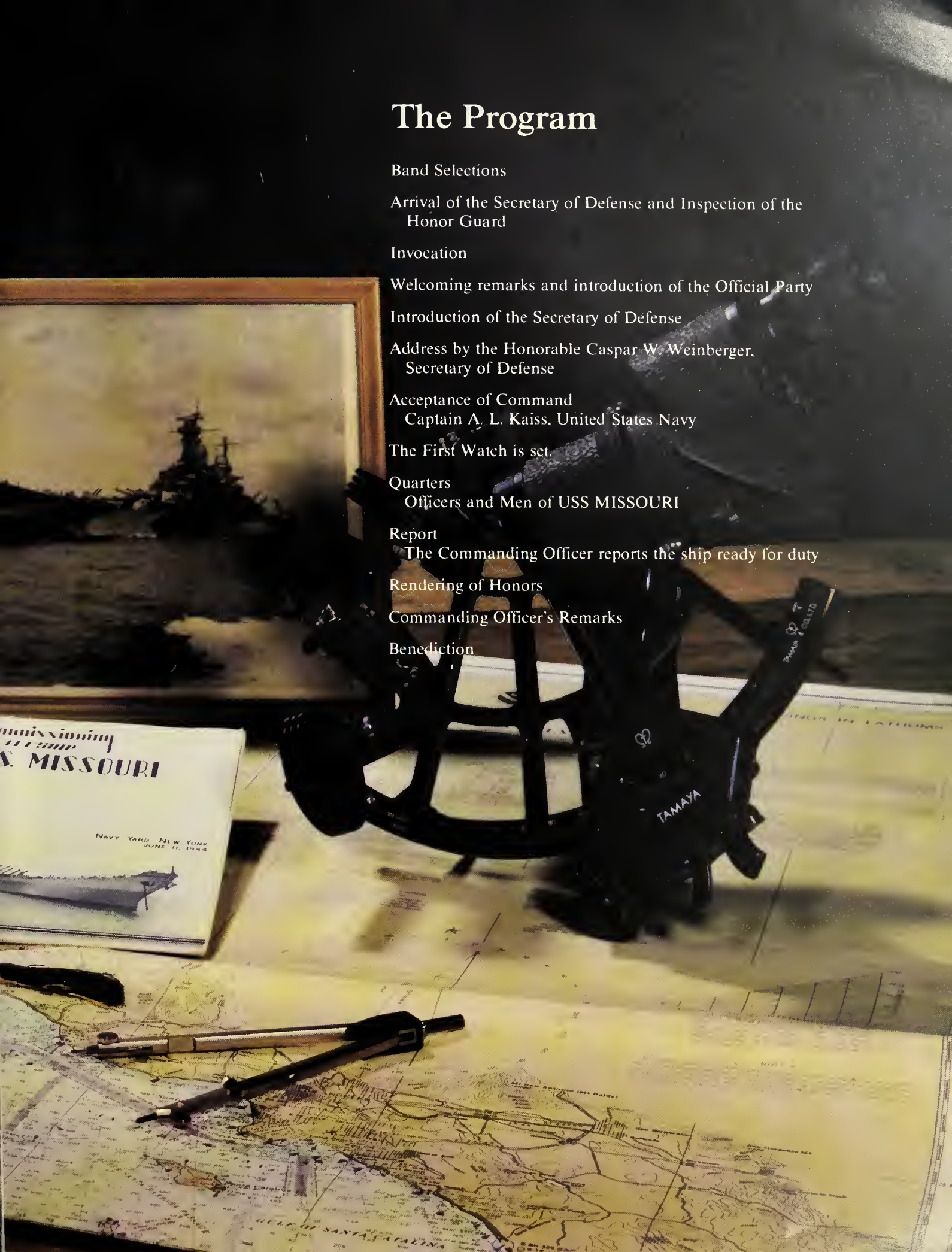
Quarters
Officers and Men of USS MISSOURI

Report
The Commanding Officer reports the ship ready for duty

Rendering of Honors

Commanding Officer's Remarks

Benediction



Commanding Officer

Captain A. L. Kaiss, USN
Commanding Officer

Captain A. L. KAISS was born in Hagerstown, Maryland. He graduated in 1962 from the University of Maryland, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management. He was promoted to the rank of Captain on 1 October 1982. His initial sea duty assignment was in the USS ALAMO (LSD 33), followed by assignment to the USS LESTER (DE 1022) in August 1964. Upon completion of Destroyer School in September 1965, he reported to the USS CHARLES BERRY (DE 1035) and served as the Weapons and Operations Officer. In June 1968, he was assigned to the USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) as Weapons Officer. In June 1970, he reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel and served in the Enlisted Personnel Detailing Section.

He attended the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island from August 1972 to August 1973. While at the Naval War College, Captain KAISS received his Masters Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. He became the Executive Officer of the USS MCCANDLESS (FF 1084) in October 1973, and was assigned as Executive Officer of Navy Recruiting District Seattle in January 1975. He returned to sea in 1978 as Commanding Officer of the USS PAUL F. FOSTER (DD 964).

In 1980, he was assigned to the Naval Military Personnel Command as the Surface Commander Detailer. In January of 1983, he assumed command of USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG 32). During the past 15 months he has been assigned as the Prospective Commanding Officer of USS MISSOURI (BB 63) and was involved in the manning and reactivation. Today he will assume the duties as Commanding Officer, USS MISSOURI (BB 63).

Captain KAISS' personal awards include Meritorious Service Medal with Two Gold Stars (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Navy Achievement Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star, and the Vietnamese Legion of Merit First Class Medal.

Throughout his career, he has received strong support from his family — his wife, the former Veronica Resch, and their children, Julie and Andy. The Kaiss' currently reside in the San Diego area.

Captain Andrew W. Fahy, USN

Executive Officer

Capt. Andrew W. FAHY was born in Washington, D.C. and was raised in Virginia, Hawaii and California. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, having been awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering in June 1965. Upon commissioning, he was assigned to the USS LYNDE MCCORMICK (DDG 8) as First Lieutenant; subsequent sea tours included USS GAINARD (DD 706) as Weapons Officer, USS MCCLOY (DE 1038) as Engineer Officer, USS AMERICA (CV 66) as Damage Control Assistant, and USS SAMPSON (DDG 10) as Executive Officer. He was the Commissioning Commanding Officer of the USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG 32).

In 1968 Capt. FAHY served a tour in Vietnam as a Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer with the Headquarters Battery, Third Battalion, 11th Marines, First Marine Division located south of Da Nang where his unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for their combat actions in providing gunfire support in the defense of Da Nang during the Tet Offensive in 1968.

After completing his department head tour in USS MCCLOY, he was assigned to the Naval Postgraduate School where he received a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research and Systems Analysis in February 1974. In 1978 after completing his Executive Officer tour in USS SAMPSON, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Systems Analysis Division (OP96), as an Operations Analyst in the Manpower, Personnel and Training section.

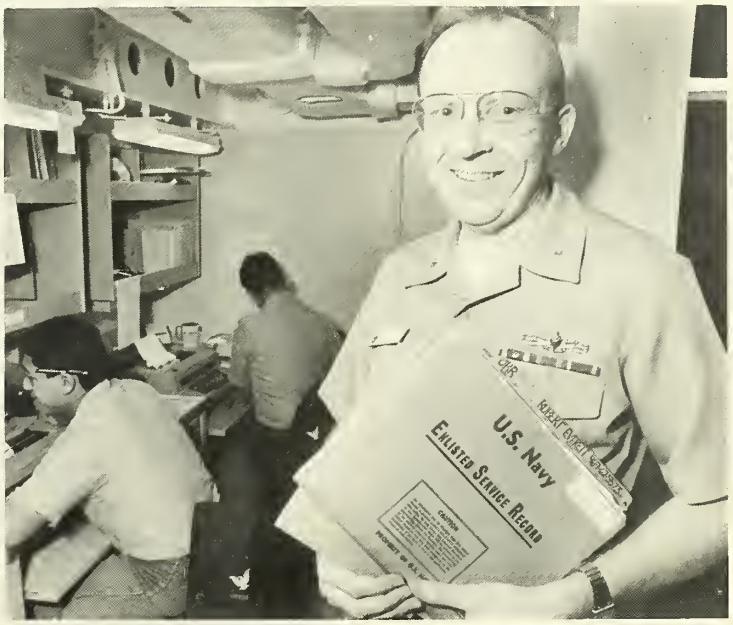
In addition to various unit, service and campaign awards, he wears the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal with the Combat "V"

Throughout his career, he has received strong support from his family — his wife, the former Barbara Bauer of La Jolla, California, and their two daughters, Suzanne and Sandra. The Fahy's currently reside in the San Diego area.

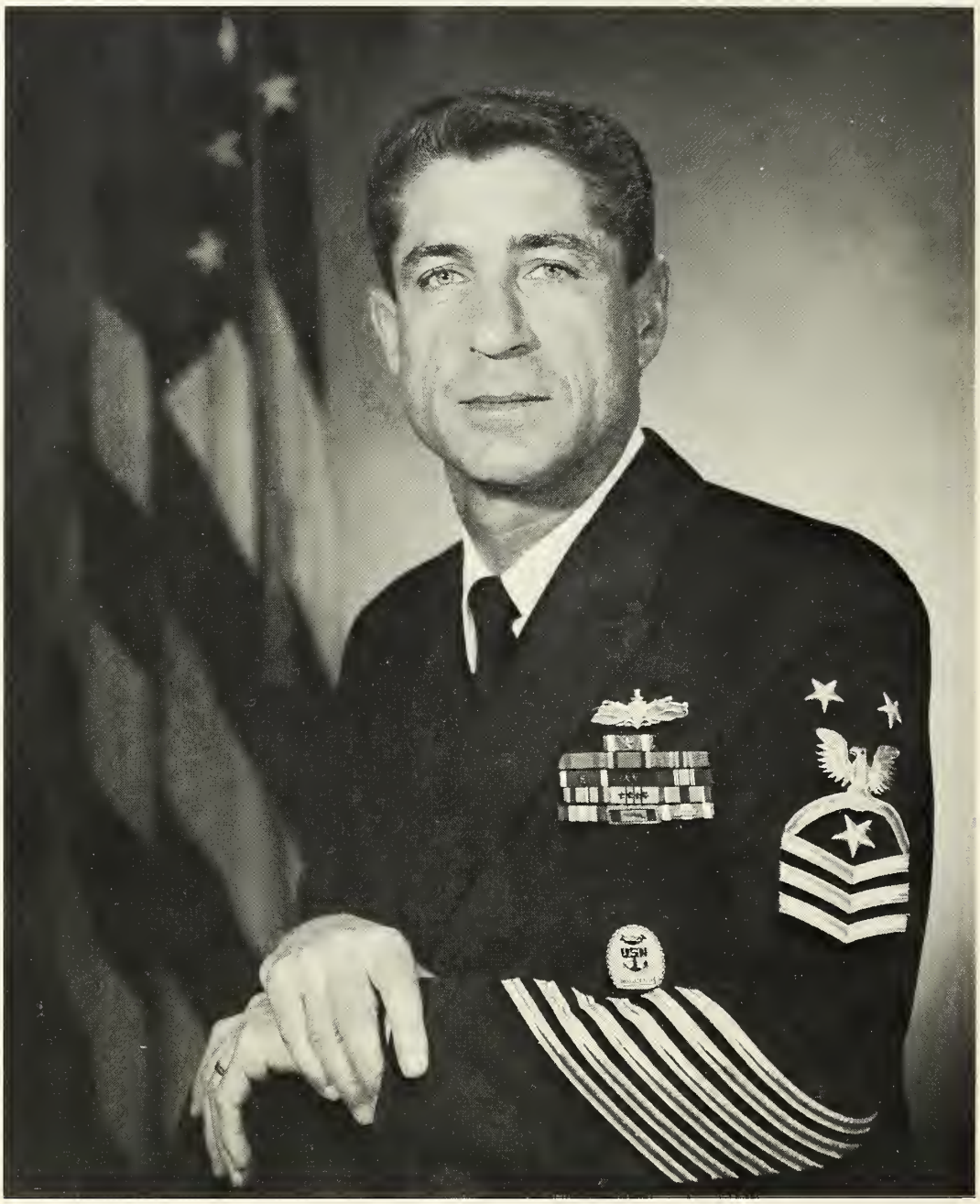
Department Heads

Clockwise from top: CAPT David C. Damm, USMC, Commanding Officer Marine Detachment; CDR Victor H. Smith, Chaplain; CDR David R. Carlson, Weapons Officer; CDR Thomas F. Starck, Dental Officer; LCDR Peter B. Platzer, Medical Officer.

Clockwise from top: LCDR James R. Collier, Jr., Navigator; LCDR Roy L. Hunt, Administrative Officer; CDR William L. Ruch III, Operations Officer; CDR I. John Jones, Chief Engineer; CDR Justin D. McCarthy, Supply Officer.



SMCM (SW) S. A. Martin
Command Master Chief



Master Chief Signalman (Surface Warfare) Stewart A. Martin entered the United States Navy in May 1959 and received his basic training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Following Recruit Training, he reported for Pre-Commissioning School at Norfolk for the recommissioning of the Light Guided Missile Cruiser USS TOPEKA (CLG 8).

Master Chief Martin served tours of duty on board the USS GEORGE K. MAC KENZIE (DD 836), USS RUPERTUS (DD 851), USS HOLLISTER (DD 788), USS MULLANY (DD 528), USS EMBATTLE (MSO 434), USS GUIDE (MSO 447), USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43), and USS PAUL F. FOSTER (DD 964). He also served as a Manpower Analyst at the Department of the Navy Manpower and Material Analysis Center, Pacific, San Diego, and as Senior Enlisted Advisor in the Chief of Naval Operations Navy Command Center, Washington, D.C. He has earned and holds naval enlisted codes for Management Engineering Technician and for 3-M System Coordinator.

In March 1985, he reported to the Prospective Commanding Officer, USS MISSOURI (BB 63) for duty as Command Master Chief. His decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Battle "E" Ribbon. Among his other expeditionary, campaign, and service awards are the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and the Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Stars.

He is married to the former Ahava L. Webster of Eagle Point, Oregon. Master Chief Martin hails from Goffstown, New Hampshire, where he was born March 15, 1942, and later received his diploma from Weare High School.

USS MISSOURI (BB 63) Ship's Officers

COMMANDING OFFICER

Captain Albert L. Kaiss

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Captain Andrew W. Fahy

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

CDR Victor H. Smith, Senior Chaplain
LCDR Thomas Dansak, Chaplain
LCDR Roy L. Hunt, Administrative Officer
LCDR Francis V. Russo, Legal Officer
LT Mark R. Blackington, Public Affairs Officer
LT James P. Gormley, Ship's Secretary
CWO3 Alan G. Conklin, Personnel Officer

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

CDR Thomas F. Starck, Dental Officer
LT David G. Metzler, D Division Officer

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

CDR I. John Jones, Chief Engineer
LCDR Geoffrey J. Calabrese, Main Propulsion Assistant
LT Lester C. Poehler, Auxiliary Officer
LT Jerry J. Miller, Damage Control Assistant
LT David J. Bergin, Main Engines Officer
LT Thomas W. Maes, Electrical Officer
LT Elpidio A. Estrada, Boiler Officer
ENS Joel D. Modisette, Asst. Damage Control Officer
ENS Dean M. Starovasnik, A Division Officer
ENS Jon L. Roby, B Division Officer
CWO4 Albert F. McGurr, M Division Officer
CWO4 Francis A. Leong, E Division Officer
CWO4 Bobby L. Rominger, Boiler Machinist
CWO2 Glenn D. Fraser, R Division Officer

MARINE DETACHMENT

CAPT David C. Damm, USMC, Commanding Officer
1st LT Brian J. Tucker, USMC, Executive Officer

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

LCDR Peter B. Platzer, Medical Officer
LT William S. Ellwood, H Division Officer

NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT

LCDR James R. Collier, Jr., Navigator

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

CDR William L. Ruch, III, Operations Officer
LCDR David L. Martin, Oceanographer
LT James D. Rowen, Electronic Material Officer
LT Henry J. Charpek, CEC Officer
LT Jerry J. Wojt, Communications Officer
ENS Bernard W. Erdman, Intelligence Officer
ENS Christopher L. Reese, Signals Officer
ENS James D. Eaton, Radio Officer

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

CDR Justin D. McCarthy, Supply Officer
LT Garrett S. Gough Jr., Assistant Supply Officer
LTJG James F. Dolan, Food Service Officer
ENS Eric D. Lanman, Navy Exchange Officer
ENS James D. Pecora, Disbursing Officer
ENS Graydon E. Myhre, Asst. Stores Officer

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CDR David R. Carlson, Weapons Officer
LCDR Richard D. Campbell, Asst. Weapons Officer
LCDR Raymond T. Turner, Jr., First Lieutenant
LCDR Ronald R. Routh, Missile Officer
LT Alan L. Carman, Gunnery Officer
LT Roger J. Higgins, Fire Control Officer
LT Jack D. Watt, Ordnance Gunner
LT John D. Robinson, 3rd Division Officer
LT Eduardo A. Ceja, Weapons Administrative Asst.
LT Justin A. Jaech, G1 Division Officer
LT Julius Pryor, III, G2 Division Officer
LT Frederick R. Krueger, 1st Division Officer
LT Charles P. O'Toole, G4 Division Officer
LT Michael R. McDermott, G3 Division Officer
LT Kirk F. Thomas, F Division Officer
LTJG Thomas B. O'Leary, Ship's Bos'n
ENS Timothy R. Bergfeld, Asst. 3rd Division Officer
ENS Jeffrey E. Groves, Asst. 1st Division Officer
ENS Eugene R. Russell, 2nd Division Officer
ENS Donald H. Tunnissen, 5th Division Officer
ENS Michael R. Schneider, 4th Division Officer
ENS Douglas T. Chen, F-3 Division Officer
ENS Troy D. Mellon, Asst. GM Division Officer
ENS Harry Koszenski, 6th Division Officer

BTFN Daniel Burns
SN John Duran
FA Lawrence Duran
MM3 Timothy Egan
FA Brett Fontanari
SA Cecil Freeman
HT3 Michael Gallagher
SR Brian Gilmore
SN Christopher Gilmore
SR Paul Johnson
SA Richard Kindel
SR Allan Laubhan
FA Darren Mahan
FA Richard Palmquist
HTFA Ronnie Peek
BM3 Willard Prator
BT3 Howard Rasmussen
LCPL Matthew W. Robinson, USMC
SR George Rodriguez, Jr.
FA Kellen Walters
SR Rodney Wiebers

CONNECTICUT

GMGSN Dennis Baldi
SA Daris Bell
FA Daniel Carbonell
ET3 John Dauscher
Sr Gordon Doherty
SHSR Keith Rice
CPL Mark G. Roff, USMC
FN Maurice Roy, Jr.
FA James Schneider
SA Troy Williams

DELAWARE

MM2 Daniel Hawkins
SA Stacy Phillips
SR Joseph Stancell
FN Michael Stubblefield
FCSN Jeffrey White

FLORIDA

SA William Addison
FC2 Joe Angulo
FC1 Charles Barton
MS3 Leonard Brown
MM3 Paul Burdette
FA Michael Carter
EM3 Corby Cutlip
EN3 Robert Davidson
FC1 Ronald Davis
MS1 Danilo Delansig
OS3 Thomas Dye
JO1 William Egan
FCSN Juan Fernandez
SA Carnell Gallon
PN2 Raymond Garvey
BT3 Timothy Gensler
PFC Damon R. Goodchild, USMC
BT1 Darrell Hebert
GMGSA David Hellman
MM3 Thomas Henson
GMGSN Shawn Kelleher
OSSA Brian Kidder
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GMG2 Richard Lemargie
BM3 William McIntosh
SR Richard Mann
FN Edy Marsan
FC1 Robert Moose
SN Wendell Newton
OS1 Edgar Perdomo
OS1 Carroll Phillips
BT1 James Pinkerton
SN Garfield Rogers
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MS1 Benjamin Saradpon
FR Robert Saunders, Jr.
FC2 Paul Saville
EM3 David Seijo
GMG1 William Snyder
FC3 Frank Starr, Jr.
BT1 Thomas Thornton
PC2 Neal Trimm
HM3 Michael Williams
IC1 John Williamson
PFC Custis L. Wingerter, USMC
OS2 Frank Wiser

GEORGIA

SR Eddie Battle
SN Mark Cates
FA Christopher Clark
FC1 Ronald J. Davis, Jr.
SM2 Kenneth Edwards
SR Wallace Fann II
GMGSA Anthony Ford
EM3 Mark Garnett
OSSA Christopher Brown
SMSA Timothy Grabau
YN2 Gregory Hankins
SR Jack Hollis
MMFA Jeffery Knight
SN Kevin Lester
FA Michael McGriff
IC3 Willie Mitchell
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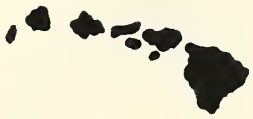

HAWAII

YN3 Ignacio Estevez
MM2 Noli Fiesta
FN Dennis Heltz
SM1 Ora Hughes
EM2 Eric MacAulay
SA Damon Orth

IDAHO

DK3 Robert Bates
FCSA Barri Farnes
MM2 Randi Fjield
HM3 Phillip Murphysweet

ILLINOIS

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SN Henry Ausley
SR James Baker
GMGSN Darryl Bashaw
SA Christopher Bickel
SR Douglas Bock
SHSN Donnie Brown
PNSN Alvin Burkland
MS3 Jose Calderon
FA Tilden Carpentier
MS3 William Carroll
SA Jerome S. Carter
FN Theadore Chasteen
PNSA Timothy Dick
BM1 Robert Dreyer
SA Amos Farmer
MSSR David Fogle
SMSR Bruce Gabel
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BT3 Scott Huber
SA Tremelle Hyde
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SR Ivan Luna
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IC3 Joseph Margowski
FCSN Michael McIntire
BT2 Charles Metzger
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SR Troy Moore
FCSN Robert Nimmo
PC1 Ronald Parvin
SR Alvin Perez
FN James Powell
GNGSN Pasquell Robinson
BTFA Chad Rogers
FCSN Daron Sandbergh
FA Robert Schaffrath
SR James Straube
MM2 James Thomas
MM3 Richard VanArsdale
OS2 Michael VanLaarhoven
SA Kevin Vroman
FA Gary Welch
SR Michael Williams
MM3 Richard Willich
EM3 James Yackley
MM3 Larry Yarbrough
SHSN Thomas Yirsa

INDIANA

SA Ernest Arthur
FCSN James Bowman
OS2 Nelson Brindle
SA Richard Cahall
FCSN Dennis Cherry
GMGSN Bradley Cook
SR Kevin Jarrett
GMGSN Mark Larocco
DA Robert Lawrence
FCSN Douglas Lewis
SA Michael Love
OSSN Richard Meadows
LCPL Daniel C. McCary, USMC
FCSN Mark Oster
HN Randy Prosser
FR William Prouse
SR Mark Rodriguez
IC3 Jerome Schultheis
SR Jeffrey Spell
EN2 Jeffrey Thatcher
EN1 Dempsey Walton
SA Martin Whitfield
SN Alan Wilson
SA Joseph Zeilinga

IOWA

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MM1 William Dillener
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ET3 Donald Marsh
MM2 Timothy Martin
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HT1 Benedict Puchalski
SN David Schnier
FCSN Daniel Stamper
BT3 Jacob Studt
OSSA Mark Vestal

KANSAS

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BT3 Russell Green
SR Scotty Harkins
YN2 Gerald Hasara
GMGSN Tyrone McNally
BT3 Joseph Oliphant
SA Reginald Pender
FR Richard Pierce
BM2 Robert Schnurr

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FR Thomas Howard
SR Earl Johnson
GMGSN Micah Kinnis
SR Steven Lederman
OS3 Henry Mathis
SA Walter Mathis
MSSR David McBurney
SN Mark Miller
FR Daryl Russell
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HN Alfred Wells
BM3 Kevin Wilson

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FN Frank Toro
FN Carleton Wert

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EM1 John McKinney
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MMFA Paul Stoycheff
GMGSN Mark Tracy
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FA Ronald Winger
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FR Mark Bakken
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BT3 Chad Hegreberg
GMG2 Mark Landskov
STG Leonard M. Longhenry, USMC
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BM1 Bobby Pinkerton
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YN1 Richard Kenny
FR Darrin Lambert
BT3 Mark Neilson
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PN2 Gerald Giovagnoli
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NEW JERSEY

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RMSN Christopher Arrigo
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FN Barry Miller
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SR Ronald Hamp
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FCSN Mark Mitchen
SK3 Mark Mode
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SA Timothy O'Geary
SR Charles Piercy
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GMGSN Angelo Rosselli
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SR Richard Scoles
SR Lonnie Smith
SN Michael Smith
SA Eric Stitt
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FA Timothy Talbert
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BM3 Robert Whaley

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MM3 Michael Watson
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FA Richard Ward
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FC2 Ryan Corey
SR William Curtis
FR Jeffrey Dayton
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FCSN Fred Finder
BM2 Kevin Fleener
DKSN Phillip Hammersla
GMG1 Lyle Hurst
SR Timothy Jarvis
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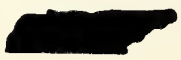

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Our Missouri Family

Probably the most valuable members of the MISSOURI crew never go to sea with us. They are the family members and loved ones that we leave on the pier each time that we set sail.

Our families are the ones who wait patiently back in port, weathering out the storms of daily life and family separation.

It has been said, and rightly so, "Navy Wife — toughest job in the Navy". Our families meet that challenge each and every time the word is passed "underway — shift colors"!

Our Ombudsmen (spouses who act as liaison between the families and the command) continue to give superb support to our families.

Our families, being part of the MISSOURI family, have a high standard to meet and a tradition to keep — we take care of our own. As the MISSOURI begins another chapter of history, we know that our families will be there with us, supporting our mission as we support them.

Families gather at the Long Beach Naval Station mole pier to send the MISSOURI off on her second sea trial. Ahava Martin (at far right) and other Wives Club members sell baked goods to crew members during the holiday. The command Ombudsmen are (from left), Nancy Dula, Kathy Puchalski, Kim Miller, Pam Crandall and Joan Wickes.

USS MISSOURI Seal

The trident symbolizes sea power and its gold color symbolizes valor. The blue and gold torse (cloth band) symbolize truth and valor.

The white peace scroll represents the Document of Surrender signed by Japan aboard MISSOURI. Superimposed on the trident are two quills, the red representing the Japanese war government and the white symbolizing the United States and her World War II allies. The green wreath of olive leaves symbolizes peace.

The fireball represents combat capabilities. The eight stars represent the eight battle stars the MISSOURI received during World War II and the Korean conflict. The wavy blue bars represent the sea and the Missouri river.

The arrow shape is the symbol of combat ability. The ship's motto, "VIS AD LIBERTATEM" is Latin for "Strength for Freedom".

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